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- 1. TODAY'S PRESS CARRIES UPI STORY DATELINED BUENOS AIRES JUNE 16 QUOTING ARGENTINE JURIST SEBASTIAN SOLER TO EFFECT THAT HIS RECENT VISIT TO CHILE WAS PERSONAL ALTHOUGH HE WAS ASKED FOR REPORT BY ICJ (CF. STATE 115609). NOTING THAT DEATH PENALTY PRESCRIBED IN CHILEAN PENAL CODE SINCE 1872. HE UNDER-SCORED THAT THIS PENALTY NOT IMPOSED FOR ANY POLITICAL ACT PRIOR SEPT 11 COUP. HOWEVER DECREE (BANDO) ISSUED SEPT 12 AND IN EFFECT UNTIL OCT 22 PRESCRIBED DEATH FOR SNIPERS AND ARMED COMBATANTS, AND APPLIED ONLY TO PRISONERS TAKEN AFTER SEPT 11, BUT IN ANY CASE DECREE SUBSEQUENTLY ANNULLED. SINCE THEN FEW DEATH SENTENCES HANDED DOWN HAVE BEEN DICTATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH STANDING LEGISLATION AND AFTER PROCESS IN WHICH DEFENSE LAWYERS INTERVENED. MANY SENTENCES COMMUTED AND NONE CARRIED OUT SINCE FEBRUARY, SOLER QUOTED AS STATING.
- 2. AS FOR REPORTS OF TORTURE OF DETAINEES, SOLER SAID HE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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KNEW OF FIVE CASES AGAINST THOSE RESPONSIBLE. HE REPORTEDLY

EMPHASIZED THAT THESE LEGAL ACTIONS DEMONSTRATE PRINCIPLE THAT SUCH PROCEDURES DO NOT HAVE SUPPORT OR TOLERATION FROM HIGHER AUTHORITIES.

3. ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON SOLER STATEMENT OF FINDINGS AVAILABLE TO BUENOS AIRES WOULD BE APPRECIATED. THOMPSON

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